

1 MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS

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3 Wednesday, November 2, 2012

4 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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6 COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

STEPHANIE SINGER, Chairwoman
7 ANTHONY CLARK, Commissioner
AL SCHMIDT, Commissioner
8 DENNIS LEE, Deputy Commissioner
CARLA MOSS, Deputy Commissioner
9 DON GARECHT, Deputy Commissioner

10 PRESENT:

FRED VOIGT, Legal Counsel
11 CARMEN SEMINARA, Election Board Supervisor
PENNY MURCHISON, Train Members of Board of
12 Elections
KEVIN RICHARDSON, Record Imaging Supervisor
13 TIMOTHY DOWLING, Documents
JOSEPH LYNCH, Election Materials
14 GARY FERRIS, Polling Material Supervisor
GREGORY IRVING, Data Support Supervisor
15 SETH BLUESTEIN
BOB WARNER, Philadelphia Inquirer
16 JOSEPH DeFELICE, Republican Party

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1 (Whereupon, the proceedings
2 commenced at approximately 11:00
3 a.m.)

4 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. I call the meeting to
5 order.

6 Good morning, everyone.

7 (Whereupon, there was a
8 collective response.)

9 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: We will start with any old
10 business.

11 Commissioner Clark?

12 COMMISSIONER CLARK: We don't have anything -- any
13 old business.

14 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Commissioner Schmidt?

15 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: No.

16 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: So, I do not have old
17 business, so let's proceed with the report from the
18 supervisors. And let me go a little bit out of order and
19 ask Mr. Irving, what is the status of the voter
20 registrations?

21 MR. IRVING: The status of the voter registrations
22 are, that every voter who applied in a timely fashion to
23 register to vote is registered.

24 (Whereupon, there was applause.)

1 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Wonderful. Thank you. And
2 thanks to the staff. Thank you very much.

3 MR. IRVING: You're welcome.

4 And absentee ballots are up to date. They're
5 downstairs probably just finishing them up. There's
6 probably about 300 pieces are being worked on now, which are
7 ready to go out. We'll get those up to Joe so that he can
8 start labeling them.

9 The next step is to process a recording of the
10 returned absentees, okay. We're going to start that. Have
11 that ironed out sometime this afternoon.

12 Other than that, we're going on normal procedures
13 for our election.

14 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Great. Thank you so much.

15 And just to clarify, when you talked about the
16 absentees, you were talking about processing the
17 applications --

18 MR. IRVING: Affirmative.

19 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: -- that came in; the deadline
20 for those was yesterday at 5 p.m?

21 MR. IRVING: Five p.m. Yes.

22 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: And we have just a couple of
23 hundred to go, and we expect to be done by the end of the

24 morning or by 1:00 or something like that?

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1 MR. IRVING: Yes.

2 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you. Thank you so much.

3 All right. So, Mr. Seminara, please.

4 MR. SEMINARA: Yes. Good morning, Commissioners.

5 I'll start with the absentee application count,

6 and then I'd like to put on record some deadlines that have

7 been misconstrued in the media about what is due and what is

8 not due and what the times are and what they are not.

9 I'll start off with our total application count,

10 which was 19,895, okay.

11 Four years ago at this time we were at 22,314.

12 So, we're roughly in the same ballpark absentee

13 wise.

14 I'd like to break that up into four different

15 categories, if I may.

16 One would be regular civilian absentees, which was

17 10,943; alternatives was 3,598; our military was 668; and

18 1,518 was civilians that live overseas.

19 Me and my staff and some of the other deputies

20 stayed late last night to get every application that came in

21 through our office out in the mail.

22 I would like to thank some of the deputies that

23 did help us, like Dennis Lee, who offered some help. Thanks
24 to Joe Lynch for getting the operation down here at Delaware

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1 Avenue. That was a big help because we would never, never
2 have been able to work the counter for people if we were
3 getting absentees out at the same time. It just would have
4 been too neck breaking of a job.

5 Of course the Executive Order for the ballots will
6 be pushed from Friday, today, for civilian ballot, to Monday
7 at 5 p.m.

8 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: And just to clarify that, the
9 deadline for voted absentee ballots to be returned --

10 MR. SEMINARA: That's correct.

11 That is the civilian ballot.

12 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: -- in order -- returned to the
13 Board of Elections --

14 MR. SEMINARA: Yes.

15 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: -- in order to be counted
16 fully in every race?

17 MR. SEMINARA: Yes.

18 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: And the deadline? Please
19 remind us of the deadline for civilian absentee ballots that
20 can be partially counted for federal races.

21 MR. SEMINARA: They can, yes.

22 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: And that's -- am I correct
23 that's Tuesday at five?
24 MR. SEMINARA: That is Tuesday at 5:00 will count

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1 for president only.
2 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: For president only.
3 MR. SEMINARA: For president and vice president.
4 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Okay.
5 MR. SEMINARA: And that will be at the close of
6 polls at 8 p.m. As long as that physical ballot is in my
7 office. We cannot accept those marks, unfortunately, the
8 way the law is written.
9 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. So, that's Tuesday at 8
10 p.m?
11 MR. SEMINARA: At 8 p.m.
12 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: I misspoke before. Okay, 8
13 p.m.
14 MR. SEMINARA: Yes.
15 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you.
16 MR. SEMINARA: The civilian and military ballots
17 that come in, as long as there's a postmark by November 5th,
18 we will take that ballot up to November 13th.
19 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: And that is for civilian
20 overseas and military?

21 MR. SEMINARA: And military, that's correct.
22 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. Thank you.
23 MR. SEMINARA: And I'd also like to put on record,
24 one week from today, Friday, November 9th, 9 a.m. we will

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1 commence the canvassing computation, 9:30 a.m. (sic) in this
2 room.

3 And that concludes my report.

4 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: And I'd also like to add and
5 thank the staff of Room 142, City Hall, they will be opened
6 over the weekend, Saturday and Sunday, from 8 a.m. until 5
7 p.m. to accept voted absentee and alterative ballots, and
8 also to accept applications for emergency absentee ballots.

9 MR. SEMINARA: Yes.

10 And, by the way, Commissioner, they will be held
11 Saturday and Sunday, if need be, and heard on Monday in
12 Election Court.

13 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. Thank you.

14 MR. SEMINARA: You're welcome.

15 MR. LYNCH: But those voted ballots have to come
16 in by the person themself have to deliver them ballots.

17 MR. SEMINARA: Yes.

18 MR. LYNCH: You can't deliver a bunch of ballots
19 for somebody. It has to be a person showing their license

20 and ID.

21 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: I believe, however -- so, one
22 way to get an emergency absentee ballot is to --

23 MR. LYNCH: That is an emergency, but you just
24 said ballots, any ballots that are voted --

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1 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Yes.

2 MR. LYNCH: -- can be delivered.

3 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Yes. Thank you.

4 MR. LYNCH: Unless they have an Agent Delivery
5 Form.

6 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Yes. Thank you. That's
7 right.

8 So, in order to deliver an absentee or alternative
9 ballot in person, the voter must bring a photo ID in order
10 to do that.

11 MR. SEMINARA: Yes.

12 If I could clear that up, Commissioners.

13 Like Joe is saying --

14 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Yes.

15 MR. SEMINARA: -- the actual voter has to come in
16 with identification. We cannot accept anyone else's ballot
17 other than someone who is sick and disabled and has an agent
18 form already prepared from the voter.

19 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: So that would be for an
20 alternative ballot, if there's an agent form --
21 MR. SEMINARA: Also civilian ballot.
22 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: -- or civilian absentee.
23 MR. SEMINARA: Yes.
24 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: So, for either civilian

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1 absentee or an alternative ballot, a voter can designate an
2 agent?
3 MR. SEMINARA: That's correct.
4 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: And with the returned ballot
5 must come a form signed by the voter saying, designating the
6 representative, the agent -- designating the agent, and a
7 form signed by the agent accepting the responsibility?
8 MR. SEMINARA: That's correct.
9 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Yes.
10 MR. SEMINARA: And those forms are available in my
11 office. They're also available online at votespa.com.
12 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you.
13 MR. SEMINARA: You're welcome.
14 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Warner -- okay. We'll
15 take the questions later, unless it's very specifically
16 about the procedure.
17 MR. WARNER: Well, it was related to that.

18 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Yes.

19 MR. WARNER: I mean, somebody's gotten an absentee

20 ballot has already shown some sort of ID or provided the

21 stuff, the Social Security or the driver's license number --

22 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Yes. Here's the issue --

23 MR. WARNER: -- so do you need to have ID to have

24 it delivered in time?

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1 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Here's the issue. The issue

2 is, that the -- what everyone has the right to is, to have

3 the absentee ballot delivered by U.S. Post, and to return it

4 by U.S. Post.

5 If we are going -- if we are allowing a voter to

6 do something different, we need to be sure of the identity

7 of the person carrying the ballots back and forth.

8 So, it is not a requirement to vote, it is a

9 requirement to, instead of sending your ballot back by mail,

10 handing it in in person, that's the requirement.

11 And if there is more questions, I'll take it

12 during --

13 MR. WARNER: Okay.

14 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: -- we'll take it during the

15 question period, okay. Thank you.

16 MR. SEMINARA: Yes. You're welcome.

17 And that concludes my report.

18 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Ferris.

19 MR. FERRIS: Good morning, Commissioners.

20 Since our last meeting the only polling place that

21 has changed was a Court Order that was issued by Common

22 Pleas Court for the 12th Ward; 6th Division, moving the

23 polling place to the Harambe Church at 5648 Chew Avenue.

24 And that was granted Friday, whatever the date

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1 was.

2 Other than that, we are continuing to hang signs,

3 delivering our handicapped accessibility modifications items

4 and just answering a lot of phone calls.

5 The cards that went out to the people whose

6 polling places were changed were very receptive to the

7 people. Even though a lot of them are calling to confirm to

8 make sure that the card did come from our office, they're

9 happy that they were notified where to go and vote.

10 So, other than that, the truckers, helping the

11 truckers getting the machines in. They are doing very well.

12 Apparently yesterday they delivered more machines

13 in one day then they ever have. So they are ahead of

14 schedule and everything is running pretty good there.

15 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: So, just to clarify, any

16 polling place that moved in the city during this General
17 Election, every registered elected voter in those precincts
18 -- divisions --

19 MR. FERRIS: Every household in that division with
20 a registered voter received a postcard telling them where to
21 vote. And that's in addition to us hanging signs in the
22 division telling people where to go and vote, also.

23 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Great. And people have asked
24 about electricity at the polling places. Do we have any

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1 reports from either PECO or from individual polling places
2 of issues with electricity?

3 MR. FERRIS: As of two days ago there were five
4 polling places that did not have electricity.

5 PECO has, I've been dealing with PECO, they have
6 moved those five sites to the priority list.

7 And from what I understand, at least two of them
8 already have the power back on. And they assure us that the
9 power should be back on by Saturday, tomorrow. So there
10 shouldn't be any problems.

11 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you.

12 So, we do not anticipate moving any polling places
13 for storm related reasons?

14 MR. FERRIS: At this time we do not anticipate

15 moving any polling places.

16 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you. Thank you.

17 Miss Murchison.

18 MS. MURCHISON: Good morning.

19 I just have our schools. Saturday we will be at

20 Finletter, Front and Godfrey.

21 Also, we will be at Delaware Avenue. And Sunday

22 we did South Philadelphia High.

23 All the classes are 9, 10, 11, 1, 2 and 3 for all

24 schools. We are set up for that.

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1 I have my temps downstairs.

2 We were here until, like, 1:30 this morning doing

3 absentee ballots.

4 So -- that's it.

5 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you.

6 MS. MURCHISON: You're welcome.

7 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you.

8 And just to clarify, the Delaware Avenue means

9 classes are held here, and it's on this floor, on the 6th

10 Floor?

11 MS. MURCHISON: Yes.

12 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: In the room over there

13 (indicating)?

14 MS. MURCHISON: Yes.

15 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Yes. So that is one of the

16 locations for the training for the poll workers on Saturday.

17 MS. MURCHISON: Yes.

18 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you.

19 Mr. Richardson.

20 MR. RICHARDSON: (Shrugs shoulders.)

21 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. Mr. Lynch.

22 MR. LYNCH: I have John Day's report. John's not

23 here because he is busy shipping the machines.

24 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Yes.

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1 MR. LYNCH: So, as of last night they delivered

2 2400 machines.

3 And per John Day, he wanted me to thank

4 Commissioner Schmidt, because he's been instrumental in

5 helping getting these city agencies open.

6 He's actually gave me a list of more that the

7 Commissioner has to do after the meeting. So hopefully he

8 can do that. But he wanted to thank you for that.

9 As far as my report, so far out of this building

10 we've sent out 15,815 ballots, absentee, alternative. They

11 were delivered. We're waiting for Gregory Irving to send

12 more up to us. Once he sends them up to us we'll process

13 them.

14 We shipped the boxes out today. I'm still waiting
15 for one more truck to pick up the last police station.

16 As soon as the meeting is over I'll call the
17 Streets Department. I have been in contact with them
18 already. After that, all the boxes will be out of here.

19 And we're still taking requests for Watcher
20 Certificates, also. We'll be here all weekend from 8 a.m.
21 to 8 p.m. for anybody that has missing election materials
22 and/or need Watchers.

23 Monday, though, I would like to put on the record,
24 that we would like to shut down up here at 5:00 Monday,

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1 because we have to get up early -- well, we have been
2 getting up early for the last month, but we would like to
3 shut it down at 5:00. But if anybody has a request for us
4 to stay later, just give us a heads up, okay.

5 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: And if you would be so kind as
6 to send us, perhaps by E-mail, a list of the wards from
7 which you have --

8 MR. LYNCH: Okay.

9 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: -- gotten no Watchers requests
10 so we can follow up.

11 MR. LYNCH: Okay. All right. It's not too many.

12 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Right. Let us know who they
13 are.
14 MR. LYNCH: But we don't know -- different
15 campaigns are going to send in, you know.
16 So, like last night we got a load of them from the
17 Obama Campaign.
18 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Okay.
19 MR. LYNCH: Joyce is almost through them already.
20 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. Great. Thank you.
21 MR. LYNCH: Okay.
22 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you.
23 Mr. Dowling.
24 MR. DOWLING: Okay. The only thing that I have to

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1 report is the rejects and out of counties.
2 Last week we sent out almost 1700 rejected
3 applications, which brings our overall total to over 6600
4 rejected applications. Of that total, we got less than 10%
5 back.
6 The out of state, out of county, we sent 4,329
7 applications to various counties in the Commonwealth and to
8 other states throughout the country.
9 Bilingual interpreters, we've assigned 350
10 bilingual interpreters for Election Day, which includes

11 Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Russian and Italian.

12 Under the old consent agreement we're required to
13 cover 279 precincts with Spanish interpreters only. But
14 over the years we've always accommodated other languages.

15 So, as you can see, we have 350 precincts that
16 will be covered out of the 279 that we're required under the
17 old consent agreement, which has since expired.

18 And that's it.

19 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you.

20 Mr. Irving.

21 MR. IRVING: Basically, everything that I said in
22 my report, that was it, okay.

23 We're -- like I said, we're still --

24 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Feel free to say it again.

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1 MR. IRVING: We're still working on our process.

2 We want to thank all the Commissioners' Staffs
3 that came down to help us. It's a little different for you
4 guys to be doing that. And we appreciate the help, and
5 thank you once again.

6 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: Mr. Irving, would you
7 repeat what you said at the beginning of the meeting only
8 because a number of people came in after the start, in terms
9 of the status of voter registration forms, the status of

10 absentee ballot applications, things like that.

11 MR. IRVING: All voter registration applications
12 that were submitted in a timely manner for this election
13 have been processed.

14 All absentee ballots up until the deadline to
15 apply have been processed except for, there are 300 that are
16 currently being worked on. And probably by the time that I
17 get out of this meeting I'll be able to produce labels so we
18 can get those out into the mail. And the staff did a
19 wonderful job.

20 I also want to mention that they came in during
21 the hurricane and worked for two days. They're to be
22 commended for that.

23 I mean, I read comments about, that's what they're
24 supposed to do.

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1 No. It's not what they're supposed to do through
2 a hurricane. Personal safety comes first.

3 Some people get to stay home with their loved
4 ones. But people said, no. We got a job to do, we'll go in
5 and do the job anyway despite the hurricane.

6 And I want to commend our staff for that. And,
7 also, the deputies who came down and assisted in that, and
8 Commissioner Schmidt, also. Commissioner Singer also

9 stopped by and pitched in a hand.

10 Just want everybody to know, this is a great unit
11 that works hard.

12 We put out elections like we have been doing, and
13 we're going to continue to do so. Thank you.

14 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LEE: Thank you.

15 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: It was really
17 extraordinary -- I'm sorry.

18 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Please.

19 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: It was really extraordinary
20 for us to see everyone here on Monday and Tuesday with the
21 storm right outside the window. The only reason the Board
22 of Elections closed down at all on Monday late afternoon,
23 early evening, was because the managing director's office
24 let us know that there was a possibility the Delaware River

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1 rising to epic levels, in their words, and that it was the
2 responsible thing for us to do at that point was to shut
3 down operations.

4 MR. IRVING: Despite we had members that wanted to
5 stay doing their job --

6 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: Yes.

7 MR. IRVING: -- because they realize the

8 importance of this election and every election.

9 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you. Thank you.

10 Also, just to -- for people who are watching the
11 numbers carefully, we got in almost 20,000 absentee ballot
12 applications, and we've sent out from this facility almost
13 16,000, and the remaining 4,000, I believe, were given out
14 at the County Board of Elections directly to voters.

15 MR. SEMINARA: That is correct, yes.

16 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Yes. Thank you. Okay. Thank
17 you very much.

18 New -- we move on to new business.

19 Commissioner Clark?

20 COMMISSIONER CLARK: There is no new business.

21 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Commissioner Schmidt?

22 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: No, Commissioner.

23 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: No new business.

24 And now we will move to the public comment period.

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1 Mr. DeFelice.

2 MR. DeFELICE: How are you?

3 I have a question, I read an article today in the
4 Philadelphia Inquirer by Amy Worden, Bob Warner,
5 specifically dealing with poll inspectors from Poland
6 actually coming in and monitoring polling places in

7 Pennsylvania, and I just wanted to clarify, the spokesperson
8 for the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Carol Aichele, said,
9 the decisions for who gets access to polling places is up to
10 the county judges of elections. I just wanted clarification
11 on that.

12 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Sure. I can answer it.

13 So, the judge of elections has the right to
14 determine what goes on in the polling place.

15 If someone feels they are acting in an illegal
16 manner, than that person has the right to report them to the
17 DA, who will follow up.

18 There is also -- I mean, the article had -- it
19 said two things that were slightly different. One, that it
20 was up to the county, and the other, that it was up to the
21 Board of Elections.

22 And, actually, Mr. Voigt, what -- which is it?

23 MR. VOIGT: It is up to the law. And the law
24 provides that, in fact, only voters in the act of voting,

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1 the election board and watchers with Watcher Certificates
2 issued by the county to eligible watchers.

3 Eligible watchers mean residents of the county
4 only.

5 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: So, there are also, as you're

6 probably aware, situations where the city solicitor will
7 give access to the polling places for legal reasons.

8 For example, there will be a few observers from
9 AALDEF, the Asian-American Legal Defense and Education Fund,
10 who are authorized by the city solicitors to enter the
11 polling places, and federal agents, I believe.

12 MR. VOIGT: Justice.

13 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: And Justice Department can
14 also fall into that category.

15 We, as a county, have not made any exceptions, and
16 neither to my knowledge has the city solicitor for this
17 group, the OFCE, which is actually an international group.
18 And the United States is a member of that group.

19 This is a group that observed each other's
20 elections. It is a voluntary thing. And the United States
21 is part of it.

22 MR. VOIGT: We have no legal authority to exempt
23 the law.

24 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Excuse me, Mr. Voigt.

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1 MR. VOIGT: Thank you.

2 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Yes.

3 MR. BILOFSKY: A follow-up question on that. How,
4 as judges of elections, how will we know whether someone has

5 been given an exemption?

6 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: They will have a letter with a
7 raised seal from the city solicitors or from our office. I
8 believe that we also give letters to our machine
9 technicians.

10 Mr. DeFelice.

11 MR. DeFELICE: Do we anticipate a letter from the
12 city solicitors to this UN offspring?

13 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: No. We do not.

14 MR. DeFELICE: Okay. Thank you.

15 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: I'm not sure what you mean by
16 UN offspring.

17 MR. DeFELICE: Well, you said they are affiliated
18 with the United Nations, so I wasn't sure they were an
19 offspring or anything.

20 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: I have no idea myself.

21 Miss Kaplan.

22 MS. KAPLAN: Thank you for the report, and that is
23 certainly good news the applications have been processed,
24 but I just have a couple of follow ups.

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1 If -- when the applications -- when the
2 applications are done, then the ballots are sent out, and
3 are you advising voters now to bring their ballots to Room

4 142 City Hall, or to send it overnight, to overnight it to
5 the Board of Elections rather than doing it through the
6 mail, because there is a possibility that it will not be
7 received by Monday at 5:00?

8 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: So, the -- first of all, if it
9 arrives at our office it must either be delivered in person
10 by the voter or their designated representative --

11 MS. KAPLAN: Right.

12 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: -- or it must arrive by US
13 Postal Service.

14 So it can't be FedExed or UPS or anything like
15 that. It must be -- but the US Postal Service does have an
16 overnight delivery.

17 MS. KAPLAN: Right.

18 The reason I'm just asking you --

19 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Yes.

20 MS. KAPLAN: -- because, there was a situation in
21 Montgomery County where they, Montgomery County Elections
22 Boards, are now saying, you better overnight it, or -- it
23 just seems to me, I'm just making a recommendation that you
24 might want to put up on your homepage instructions that will

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1 maximize the chance that voters whose applications were
2 processed recently who may be getting their ballots

3 yesterday, today, tomorrow --

4 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Yes.

5 MS. KAPLAN: -- how they can make sure that it

6 gets to your office in a way that it will be accepted.

7 Because I certainly could not advise any voter in that

8 category to use the US Postal Service.

9 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you for the suggestion.

10 And we will consider it, and consider it seriously. Thank

11 you.

12 MS. KAPLAN: Okay. I have another question.

13 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Yes.

14 MS. KAPLAN: On the voter registration, for the

15 ones that were processed in the last couple of days, how

16 should -- what should voters do at this point if their forms

17 need correction?

18 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: If their form needs

19 correction, are we --

20 COMMISSIONER CLARK: All they can do is meet the

21 deadline.

22 MS. KAPLAN: I can't hear you. Pardon me?

23 COMMISSIONER CLARK: All they -- if they meet the

24 deadline we'll accept them, if they don't, then we won't be

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1 able to take them.

2 MS. KAPLAN: So, my question is, let's say you
3 read -- you processed somebody's application yesterday,
4 Tuesday, whatever, and you found out that there was some
5 invalid information on there and you need to communicate
6 that to the voters, as I know that you are doing, how does a
7 voter correct the information in time to make sure that he
8 or she can vote on Tuesday?

9 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: So, it is the -- it is the
10 responsibility of the voter to submit a valid and complete
11 application by October 9th.

12 So, at this point, we will do our best to process
13 them.

14 And, Mr. Irving, we had talked about a deadline
15 for people getting changes in, and I don't remember offhand
16 what that deadline was.

17 MS. KAPLAN: It was the 22nd of October, which, of
18 course, we --

19 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: No. No. No. No. We had
20 discussed internally a much later deadline for that --

21 MS. KAPLAN: Okay.

22 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: -- so that we could
23 accommodate and enfranchise as many people as possible.

24 MS. KAPLAN: Okay.

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1 COMMISSIONER CLARK: November 2nd.

2 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: It was November 3rd.

3 COMMISSIONER CLARK: November 3rd.

4 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: It was November 3rd. It was
5 November 3rd.

6 So, if people get changes to us by November 3rd,
7 and they can e-mail them, they can phone them in, they can
8 fax them in, if they get those changes to us, we will make
9 those changes and get them onto the Supplemental Poll Book
10 sheets.

11 MS. KAPLAN: Okay. When you are communicating
12 with voters whose applications have some kind of deficiency,
13 are they being notified of this November 3rd, date?

14 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: I -- we --

15 COMMISSIONER CLARK: A letter was sent out.

16 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Yes. We are.

17 MS. KAPLAN: So, how are they being notified; by
18 calling them; e-mailing them; are you sending it back
19 through the mail? How are they being notified?

20 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Dowling, how are they
21 being notified?

22 MR. DOWLING: Well, we had individual meetings
23 with each of the Commissioners in regards to extending the
24 Appeal deadline from the 22nd, to November 3rd, which caused

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1 me to generate and create a new letter advising the
2 applicants who failed to provide us with the correct
3 information what their steps were required to take to make
4 sure they were enfranchised, which included having the
5 Commission in possession of their correct information. And
6 that was all spelled out in the letter, and how they could
7 get it back to us as the Commissioner just stated on the
8 record, through the mail, in person, on the phone, through a
9 fax or through E-mail.

10 We have given these people every opportunity to
11 get this information to us. We've extended the deadline.
12 And as the Commissioner said, it is the responsibility of
13 the voter or the applicant to get the information to us.

14 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you, Mr. Dowling.

15 MS. KAPLAN: May I --

16 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: So, we are -- we have -- to
17 answer your question, we have notified people by US Postal
18 Mail.

19 MS. KAPLAN: That they need to get it in by
20 November 3rd?

21 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Yes.

22 MS. KAPLAN: My suggestion, again, would be, that
23 because there are some people who may just be getting the
24 letter or maybe even getting it tomorrow morning, that you

1 also put that alert up on your Web site so that people know
 2 how they need to do it, and where they need to come. And
 3 also post your Saturday -- I wasn't here in the beginning,
 4 you said you're opened Saturday from --

5 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Room 142 City Hall is opened
 6 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

7 MS. KAPLAN: Okay. But in light of the fact that
 8 the deadline for corrections is tomorrow, if you could post
 9 the Saturday and Sunday hours, and, also --

10 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: They are.

11 MS. KAPLAN: -- tomorrow's deadline and --

12 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you for the suggestion,
 13 and we will consider it. And consider it very seriously.

14 MS. KAPLAN: Okay. I have another question. I'm
 15 sorry, I don't mean to hog here, but I just want to clarify,
 16 I got an E-mail yesterday from US Department of Justice that
 17 they want to bring people in from the Russian Consulate to
 18 look at voting here.

19 That's something that if they want to do it, I
 20 should tell them to talk to the city solicitors; is that
 21 accurate?

22 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Yes. Yes. That's accurate.

23 MS. KAPLAN: Okay.

24 MR. DOWLING: Just to follow up, anybody who got a

1 rejected application mailed to them with the letter
 2 explaining what their requirements are to get us the
 3 information has to come to one central location. And that's
 4 here on the 5th Floor, no other place. It has to come here
 5 either through E-mail, fax, in person or mailed back to us.

6 MS. KAPLAN: To this office here?

7 MR. DOWLING: Yeah. This office only by
 8 November 3rd.

9 MS. KAPLAN: Are you opened tomorrow?

10 MR. DOWLING: Eight to eight.

11 MS. KAPLAN: Eight to eight?

12 MR. DOWLING: Yes.

13 MS. KAPLAN: So, in other words, people that get a
 14 letter -- voters that get a letter that their registration
 15 application has some kind of deficiency should not come to
 16 Room 142 City Hall, they should come here from 8 to 8; is
 17 that right?

18 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Miss Kaplan, if you would
 19 direct the question to the Commissioners.

20 MS. KAPLAN: Okay. I apologize.

21 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you.

22 MS. KAPLAN: So Mr. Dowling just said, that people
 23 who -- voters whose registration forms are deficient should
 24 come here instead of to City Hall?



1 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: If they wish to come in person
2 they can also call, they can e-mail, they can fax.

3 MS. KAPLAN: Here, not City Hall?

4 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Correct.

5 MS. KAPLAN: So, City Hall is where people are
6 dealing with absentee ballots, this location is for --

7 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: This is the voter
8 registration --

9 MS. KAPLAN: -- voter registration division?

10 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Yes. Yes.

11 Okay. Mr. Bonin.

12 MR. BONIN: Just a quick question about mechanics.

13 As of what date were the Polling Books being printed? I
14 just want to have a sense of -- in terms of the late voter
15 registrations, who should expect to appear in the book and
16 who should expect to appear in the supplemental sheets?

17 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Irving, on what date
18 were -- the Poll Books were sent out on --

19 MR. IRVING: October 23rd.

20 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: October 23rd, the Poll Books
21 were sent out.

22 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: For the -- essentially, the
23 first -- there is a run of the Poll Books, right, and then

24 there is the supplemental run, which is the insert end of

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1 the Poll Book, which will include every qualified registered
2 voter for this election.

3 So, every person who's had their registration
4 processed by this office and is an eligible voter will
5 appear in the Poll Book or the supplemental.

6 MR. BONIN: Yeah, but, basically, voters whose
7 registrations were processed by the 23rd, will probably
8 appear in the Poll Book --

9 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Yes.

10 MR. BONIN: -- and it's those there after that
11 will be in the supplemental?

12 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Yes.

13 MR. BONIN: Thank you.

14 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: You're welcome.

15 Miss Snyder.

16 MS. SNYDER: Good morning, Commissioners.

17 And I think that is very good news that you and
18 your staff have cleared the backlog. I'm very pleased to
19 hear that, too. Thank you for all of the hard work. I know
20 you have been working very hard over the past week, but I
21 had written two letters to the Commissioners, and I'm hoping
22 that you received them, I do have hard copies here if you

23 did not, but some of the questions in my letter has been
24 answered, but I was hoping -- I have received no response

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1 from you, correct me if I'm wrong if you did send a response
2 because I did not receive it, but I would like to get
3 answers to my letters, if that would be possible, here
4 today.

5 The first letter that I'm referring to is dated
6 October 25th, and was sent on behalf of Advancement Project
7 and Project Vote for several voters whose applications were
8 reviewed and were not found on the voter rolls, and we were
9 wondering whether those voters had actually been registered?

10 May we expect a response to that? And when may we
11 expect a response to that?

12 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: For that one we can check and
13 get back to you today.

14 MS. SNYDER: Okay. And then the other letter that
15 I sent was October 29th, and this was a modification of the
16 records request that you had denied at the last Sunshine
17 Meeting, and I'm just asking, instead of a list of the
18 people some additional information.

19 Also, I wanted to follow up on the report that you
20 received earlier today.

21 The 6600 rejected applications, does that include

22 both applications that were rejected and those that are
23 pending, or what is the -- is there a breakdown --
24 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Dowling.

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1 MS. SNYDER: -- or are they all rejected?
2 MR. DOWLING: Outright rejected applications.
3 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Outright rejected
4 applications.
5 MS. SNYDER: Is there a second list that includes
6 applications that are pending?
7 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Dowling, is there a second
8 list that includes applications that are pending?
9 Like, pending, I guess, like Social Security last
10 four and -- or are those -- if an application comes in
11 missing the last four of the --
12 MR. DOWLING: I believe Kevin Richardson --
13 MR. LYNCH: Vito has been doing it.
14 MR. DOWLING: -- and Rich Vito have taken care of
15 all the pending applications, whether it was because the
16 driver's license or the last four digits of the Social
17 Security did not match, or the applicant hadn't put them on
18 the application as required, then I believe they did an
19 override to process the application.
20 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. Thank you.

21 Does that --

22 MS. SNYDER: So, just so I understand, all the

23 applicants that were on the pending list have been moved to

24 voter registration rolls; would that be correct?

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1 MR. DOWLING: The ones who had mismatched

2 information with their Social Security number or driver's

3 license number.

4 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: The mismatched numbers.

5 MS. SNYDER: Okay.

6 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: But if the numbers were

7 missing altogether and there was no check in the box that

8 says, I don't have either, then those were rejected,

9 outright rejected.

10 MS. SNYDER: So -- I'm sorry.

11 MR. LYNCH: I talked to Rich Vito, him and Joyce

12 Roll have been doing that for the last two months, and

13 there's none outstanding, pending.

14 MS. SNYDER: Thank you.

15 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: No pending is outstanding.

16 MS. SNYDER: So, other -- on the reject -- just to

17 follow up on the conversation that the Commissioners had

18 with Miss Kaplan earlier, with -- for voters who are on the

19 rejected list, they can -- that have the ability to correct

20 their application by providing information; are there any
21 other categories of voters who have been rejected for
22 another reason that they couldn't -- that would have an
23 appeal, as Mr. Voigt had said in previous meetings, they
24 would have an appeal directly to the Court of Common Pleas,

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1 is there a category of voters that falls into that? And
2 what is the process for those voters whose applications may
3 have been processed late?

4 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Dowling, is there any
5 other category of --

6 MR. DOWLING: Well, if there was an address on the
7 application and it was either missing the date of birth, the
8 Social Security number or driver's license number, or they
9 failed to sign it, those were mailed out to the address that
10 the applicant or the registration groups put on the
11 application.

12 If there was no address on the application, there
13 is nothing that we can do.

14 I mean --

15 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Were there any who had,
16 instead of missing information, signature issues?

17 MR. DOWLING: There was a lot of applications that
18 were not signed.

19 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: But that's -- so there was
20 applications missing signatures, but if there was a
21 signature of any kind then it was then not rejected?
22 I mean, if it had all the other information and it
23 had a signature then it was not rejected; is that --
24 MR. DOWLING: Well, that would be a complete

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1 application.

2 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Great. Thank you.

3 Does that answer your question, Miss Snyder?

4 MS. SNYDER: Yes.

5 I was wondering, though, if you were going to be
6 able to give me a written response to the October 29th,
7 letter, or is that not possible?

8 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: We will do our best.

9 MS. SNYDER: I'm sorry, but I have to look at my
10 notes.

11 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Well, we'll take another
12 question in the meantime.

13 And please tell me your name again.

14 MS. GREGG: Cherri Gregg.

15 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Oh, yes. Miss Greg, I know
16 your voice.

17 MS. GREGG: Hello, Commissioners.

18 I wanted to ask about -- I know the process will
19 be very similar to what happened in April with regard to
20 asking people for their ID's, just wondering if there will
21 be any effort to, sort of, determine folks who just don't
22 have it and try to gauge that at all on Election Day?

23 MR. VOIGT: No.

24 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: We will make -- the Commission

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1 has decided -- the Commissioners have decided not to do any
2 kind of measurement of who does or doesn't or how many have
3 ID or don't have ID.

4 Mr. Rubin.

5 MR. RUBIN: Commissioner, can you go through the
6 process for how the lists are going to get out to the
7 polling places for the supplemental and for the absentee?

8 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Sure.

9 So, the supplement polling place lists, Mr.
10 Irving, will they be delivered -- will they be with the
11 boxes?

12 MR. IRVING: No. Our guys are going to hand
13 deliver them to each police precincts at some point in time
14 today.

15 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Okay.

16 MR. IRVING: They are not scheduled to start

17 picking up materials until Saturday morning, okay.

18 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Okay.

19 MR. IRVING: Any judge -- every now and then we
20 get a judge who may come in on a Friday, and if they do then
21 we will contact that judge and deliver it to their
22 household. Standard operating procedure for the Commission.

23 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you.

24 So, under standard operating procedure the judges

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1 will pick up the supplementals when they pick up their boxes
2 from the police precincts. And for the few judges who may
3 come on Friday to do that we will arrange to have them
4 delivered directly to those judges of elections.

5 MR. RUBIN: And how about the absentees?

6 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: And the absentees, the list of
7 absentee -- or the Absentee Ballot Affidavits will be
8 delivered to the precincts by the police during the day.

9 MR. IRVING: No. The exact same way.

10 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Oh, the exact same way, okay.

11 MR. IRVING: The exact same way.

12 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: I misspoke.

13 MR. IRVING: Yeah. The list --

14 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: So, the list will be -- the
15 list of absentee ballots -- but we won't have a finished

16 list until Monday --

17 MR. IRVING: Yes.

18 MR. RUBIN: Monday at 5:00.

19 MR. IRVING: -- of absentee ballots.

20 MR. RUBIN: Yes.

21 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Oh, you'll have a list of

22 absentee ballots --

23 MR. IRVING: That's when we deliver them to the

24 police department.

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1 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Okay.

2 MR. IRVING: And the police department in turn

3 delivers -- they deliver on Tuesday morning.

4 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Directly to the polling place.

5 MR. IRVING: Directly to the judge of election at

6 the polling place.

7 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. So the police will

8 deliver directly to the judge of elections.

9 MR. RUBIN: So, anybody that returns a ballot on

10 Monday will be put in the system and be on the list, then

11 goes out Tuesday morning?

12 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Correct.

13 Yes, Mr. Bilofsky.

14 MR. BILOFSKY: If a person shows up at the polls

15 and hasn't brought their ID with them because they don't
16 need it and the poll worker asks them to see the ID as they
17 should, can the -- does the poll worker -- can the poll
18 worker remind the voter that they are going to need it for
19 the next election?

20 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Absolutely. And we are
21 putting a -- and we have a handout for the judges of
22 election to give to each voter about the rules for the May
23 Primary in 2013.

24 MR. BILOFSKY: And are -- then does that mean that

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1 the poll workers are required to remind the person?

2 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Yes. Yes.

3 The poll workers are required, just as they were
4 in April.

5 MR. BILOFSKY: Great.

6 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Miss Kaplan.

7 MS. KAPLAN: Is that handout on your Web site, or
8 can you make it public so --

9 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Yes. We can do that.

10 MS. KAPLAN: Thank you.

11 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Warner.

12 MR. WARNER: I think there is normally a breakdown
13 of overall party registration up to date available before

14 the election, I don't know how soon that might be available,
15 if presumably it isn't right now.

16 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Can we have that by tomorrow?

17 MR. IRVING: Sure.

18 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. We can have it by
19 tomorrow.

20 MR. IRVING: Sure can.

21 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Miss Snyder.

22 MS. SNYDER: I just had a couple more questions.

23 One relates to polling place resources, and the other
24 relates to challenges.

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1 I just -- you had mentioned earlier that the Poll
2 Books will be split into two sections.

3 And as you know this is going to be a high turnout
4 election, there is high interest in this election, and I was
5 wondering, there are 47 election districts who have more
6 than a thousand voters, and that date is several weeks old,
7 that number may have increased; is there an opportunity for
8 those Poll Books to be split further, into further sections,
9 to alleviate any bottleneck at the table, or is there a
10 possibility for additional staffing for those large polling
11 places in order to alleviate lines?

12 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: We will not be doing either of

13 those things.

14 MS. SNYDER: Will the judge of elections be
15 permitted to split the books at the polling place if
16 necessary?

17 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: The judge of elections is in
18 charge at the polling place. And, again, the judge of
19 elections can do whatever the judge of elections chooses to
20 do. The judge is in charge.

21 MS. SNYDER: So, the other thing is, I was
22 wondering, you mentioned there have been many requests for
23 Poll Watcher Certificates; is there an ability to review the
24 list of persons who have requested Poll Watcher

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1 Certificates, and for which candidate they are watching or
2 party?

3 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: Would you repeat the
4 question? I'm sorry.

5 MS. SNYDER: Earlier you received a report about
6 receipt of Poll Watcher Certificate request; I'm wondering,
7 do you have a list of persons, and the ward and division,
8 for which they will be watching? And is that available to
9 the public for inspection?

10 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: We can -- we can make it
11 available on request.

12 MS. SNYDER: Okay. Please consider this -- or it
13 has to be a written request?
14 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Yes.
15 MS. SNYDER: You require a written request?
16 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes.
17 MS. SNYDER: Can it be submitted by E-mail? And
18 who shall it be submitted to? Should it be submitted to all
19 three?
20 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: That's a great way to do it.
21 Thank you. Yes.
22 MS. SNYDER: Okay. And I think that's it. Thank
23 you.
24 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you.

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1 Anything else?
2 Mr. Rubin.
3 MR. RUBIN: Can you go through the numbers of the
4 absentee ballots again?
5 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Yes.
6 Mr. Seminara, could you repeat the numbers of
7 absentee ballots?
8 When you say the number of absentee ballots, what
9 exact numbers -- can you say precisely which numbers you
10 want repeated, or just all of them?

11 MR. RUBIN: The four different categories.

12 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. Yeah. The four

13 different categories.

14 MR. SEMINARA: Regular civilian was 10,943;

15 alternative 3,548; military 668; and civilian overseas

16 1,518.

17 MR. RUBIN: Thank you.

18 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: You're welcome.

19 MR. RUBIN: And what was your total?

20 MR. SEMINARA: 19,895.

21 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. Any other questions or

22 comments?

23 Yes, sir. And please state your name.

24 MR. THOMPSON: Isaiah Thompson.

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1 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Yes.

2 MR. THOMPSON: Yes. I just had a quick question

3 about changes to polling places.

4 Should we assume that there are -- there will be

5 no other changes of the location of polling places unless

6 there is some kind of emergency? And if there is an

7 emergency or they change if for some reason, what is the

8 process by which, I believe it is the State that publishes

9 the polling locations and not the county, so what is the

10 process by which that is reported; and where would the voter
11 find that information?

12 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: So, the surest way to find
13 that information is to call us at -- to what is the best
14 number; it would be 1500?

15 MR. FERRIS: No. They can call my number
16 directly.

17 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Okay.

18 MR. FERRIS: However, if there is a change made
19 within that hour period, the Pennsylvania SURE System would
20 be updated. So it would be on the Pennsylvania SURE System.

21 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: So, it will be on the -- so,
22 the answer, the first answer, it would be on the State Web
23 site within an hour if such a change were made.

24 As you suggested, the changes would be made only

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1 on an emergency basis and not by us, but by the Court.

2 MR. FERRIS: Well, it depends. I guess it
3 depends. It will be in the system from our end.

4 Now, whether the Pennsylvania -- whether
5 Pennsylvania replicates their system so that it is accurate,
6 that's a question that would have to be answered by the
7 Pennsylvania SURE System.

8 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Yeah. That is a question --

9 MR. FERRIS: As soon as I get the Court Order it's
10 put into the system right way at this point.

11 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Okay.

12 MR. THOMPSON: So you will report within the hour
13 to Pennsylvania --

14 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Exactly.

15 MR. FERRIS: Correct.

16 MR. THOMPSON: -- or to the State?

17 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Exactly.

18 MR. THOMPSON: And I need to ask them what their
19 process is.

20 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Exactly. Yes.

21 MR. THOMPSON: And -- I'm sorry, but you also
22 advise voters to go ahead and call. And who should they
23 call if they're not sure?

24 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Irving, what is the best

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1 number for voters to call about a polling place if they're
2 not sure?

3 MR. IRVING: The best number would probably be the
4 direct line back to the polling places, because they would
5 have the secondary changes.

6 But if a voter calls any of our lines, anyone can
7 do a lookup on a voter and see where their polling place is

8 located.

9 And if Mr. Ferris got ahold of one immediately and
10 made the change, it would be reflective in our files that,
11 that place has been changed.

12 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: So, what would be the best
13 extension?

14 MR. IRVING: Fifteen ninety.

15 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Okay, 215-686-1590.

16 MR. THOMPSON: Thanks.

17 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you.

18 Mr. Rubin.

19 MR. RUBIN: Did the Commissions receive any
20 letters from, Americans for Limited Government, for access
21 to files?

22 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: No. We did not.

23 MR. RUBIN: And are you familiar with the letter
24 that they're sending to the voters in the many counties --

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1 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: I am not.

2 MR. RUBIN: -- with the voter history on it?

3 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: I'm sorry?

4 MR. RUBIN: It has the voter history of the people
5 they're sending the letter to, plus neighbors.

6 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. I am not familiar with

7 it.

8 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: No. We haven't received
9 any calls to my office.

10 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Bonin.

11 MR. BONIN: Two, hopefully, small questions.

12 I recalled at a recent meeting there was a
13 complete register about how slow the Statewide Web site SURE
14 System is in terms of updating its records based on what
15 we've done in the city; do we know whether the more recent
16 voter registration applications recently processed are
17 showing up on the Web site? And if we have people calling
18 us on Election Day to see if they're registered?

19 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: That is a question for the
20 Department of State.

21 MR. BONIN: That's what I figured.

22 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Yes.

23 MR. BONIN: On the other question, we have the
24 statistics on how many absentee applications have been sent

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1 out; do we have statics on how many have been received back?

2 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: We do not at this moment. We
3 do not.

4 MR. BONIN: Thank you.

5 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. Miss Gregg.

6 MS. GREGG: Yeah. I apologize if this is a repeat
7 question, but I heard briefly that folks were -- there were
8 not a lot of anticipated changes at the polling places; can
9 you confirm that?

10 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: There are 100 -- about 100
11 precincts whose polling places have changed since the
12 Primary Election.

13 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: That's not a last minute
14 change. That was not like a change just occurred.

15 MS. GREGG: Okay.

16 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: That's since April. And there
17 are, I think, three -- two that were -- two or three that
18 were affected by very recent court decisions.

19 MR. FERRIS: Right now there is nothing pending.

20 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: And there is nothing pending
21 at the moment.

22 MS. GREGG: And then that's when people can just
23 log onto the State Web site and they can find out -- all the
24 information should be included in the City Web site --

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1 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Yes.

2 MS. GREGG: -- of polling place.

3 And then my other question is, someone mentioned
4 the numbers of voter registration applications that have

5 been processed, the total numbers?

6 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: The total since the primary?

7 MS. GREGG: Well -- yes. The total numbers.

8 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: So, the total since the
9 primary --

10 MR. DOWLING: I can give you the number that we
11 received is 198,387.

12 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: It's 198,387.

13 MR. DOWLING: And you would have to subtract all
14 the rejected applications and all the out-of-county
15 applications off of that, which is over -- almost 11,000.

16 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. DeFelice.

17 MR. DeFELICE: On the absentee ballot question
18 again, the earlier number that you gave, 22,000, that was
19 for 2010; correct?

20 MR. SEMINARA: No. 2008.

21 MR. DeFELICE: 2008; thank you.

22 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. Miss Snyder.

23 MS. SNYDER: You mentioned before that there were
24 350 election districts in which you would have a translator,

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1 and is --

2 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Interpreter.

3 MS. SNYDER: I'm sorry.

4 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Verbal interpreter.

5 MS. SNYDER: Right. In order to provide language
6 access.

7 Do you have a list of those election districts and
8 the language that would be provided on your Web site or
9 available to the public?

10 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Again, we will consider doing
11 that as just on the Web site. And in any case, it is
12 available by request.

13 MS. SNYDER: Okay. Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: I would motion to adjourn.

15 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. I have a motion to
16 adjourn.

17 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I second that motion.

18 MADAME CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. So we adjourn to the
19 call of the Chair.

20 And the next meeting is Wednesday after Election
21 Day.

22 Have a great Election Day, everybody.

23 So, next Wednesday at 11 a.m. meeting is adjourned
24 to the call of the Chair.

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1 (Whereupon, the proceeding was

2 adjourned at approximately 11:50

3 a.m.)

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